

## CASHLESS TRANSACTION CLEARINGHOUSE

### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A disclosed cashless instrument transaction clearinghouse provides  
5 clearinghouse server including a network interface allowing the cashless instrument  
transaction clearinghouse to communicate with a number of gaming properties and a  
processor configured to enable the validation of cashless instruments at a gaming  
property different from where the cashless instrument was generated. Methods are  
provided that allow a plurality of cashless gaming devices located at different gaming  
10 properties to communicate with one another via the cashless instrument transaction  
clearinghouse in a secure manner using symmetric and asymmetric encryption  
techniques. Further, to reduce the possibilities of theft and fraud, the methods allow a  
receiver of a message to authenticate an identity of a sender of a message.